GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3293
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LEAD MINE AT AGNIGUNDALA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)operates a lead mine at Agnigundala in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this mine has been working for the last so many years;

(c) if so, the estimated reserves of the mine as on date;

(d) whether any value of this mine has been assessed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any foreign party has been invited to jointly exploit this mine; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (e) Hindustan Zinc Limited has been operating a lead mine at Agnigundala, District - Guntur, Andhra Pradesh since 1978. As on 1.4.2001, the estimated ore reserves of the mine are 1.545 million tonnes out of which 1.350 million tonnes are exploitable, 0.078 million tonnes are in possible category and 0.117 million tonnes are blocked in pillar. The cost of lead concentrate produced from the mine is 60% more than the cost of imported lead concentrate.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.